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**N.C. COMMISSION ON VOLUNTEERISM TO SWEAR IN NEW AMERICORPS MEMBERS**

**RALEIGH**—The N.C. Commission on Volunteerism and Community Service will swear-in about 200 new AmeriCorps members at the annual kick off event **TODAY (October 16) at 12:00 p.m. at UNC-Greensboro's Elliott University Center (551 Sterling St.) in Greensboro.**

The event begins at 9:30 a.m. with an opening meeting. Members will attend workshops throughout the day focusing on disaster preparedness and relief.

Since 1994, more than 4,000 individuals have participated in N.C. AmeriCorps programs. AmeriCorps members tutor and mentor school-aged youth, improve the quality of childcare for preschool children, address the need for affordable housing by building houses for low-income families, assist individuals with disabilities in gaining employment and provide new North Carolinians with interpretation and translation services. Upon completing their term of service, full- and part-time members also receive an educational award of up to \$4,725 to repay student loans or pay for college, graduate school or vocational training.

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